

Growing with grace



A monthly newsletter for the Grace Wesleyan Family and Friends!

Back to School Prayer for Students

Father, I pray for each and every child of every age that will be heading away from home to attend school this year. I pray that you cover them in your full armor so they may repel the enemy's tactics. I pray for their health and safety and that school administrators are able to prepare a healthy and safe environment for them to learn in.

I pray that each child is able to put aside their fear and worry so they may fully enjoy the resources in learning that they'll be provided. I pray for the parents who may be home worrying. I pray they trust that you will be watching and protecting their children during this time away from home. I pray that you will destroy any tactic the enemy wishes to use to do harm or cause temptation to these young, innocent souls.

And I pray that each day, each and every child will come home, safe and full of joy, ready to share in the excitement of everything they learned. Amen.



Dear God,
Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come.
Amen.



August Birthdays:

- 5th Gary Porter
- 10th Clark Cogswell
- 17th Bev Nelson
- 28th Diane Zerbe
- 29th Donna McCarthy



August Anniversaries

- 4th Doug & Barbara Timmerman (60th!)
- 22nd Jack & Shirley Maitland

August Happenings

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Helping Hands Food Drive

There will be a donation box in the worship center each weekend in August, and a list of needed items will be in the bulletins.

August Dates for Food Drives:

- AUG 7th (Boca)
- AUG 13th (Davie)
- AUG 20th (Plantation)

Youth

- AUG 7th - Pack Backpacks
- AUG 19th - Water Games!
- AUG 20th - Helping Hands Food Drive

Habitat for Humanity

- Build Date
- AUG 27th

Attention Ladies!!

Save The Date!!

Saturday,
October 22, 2022
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

More Info to Come!!!

PASTOR'S MOMENT

A message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Myron Rhodes, Jr.

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Greetings, Grace Wesleyan Family!

We are fully into the “dog days of summer” as my grandmother used to say. The days are long, and they are mostly hot. Like an old hound dog, most folks just want to find a place in the shade and take it easy. In the modern air-conditioned-age it is a little easier to find some respite from the sun and heat. Indeed, in the times we live in it is relatively easy to find a way out of virtually anything that makes us “hot” or uncomfortable. That includes matters of faith.

As we live into what it means to be Grace Wesleyan here in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County, we have found respite from the “heat” of denominational politics and apostasy. We should be careful, however, not to let the respite become a refuge from the uncomfortable things that being Christian often entails. The words of Christ in Matthew 28:20b provide much comfort: “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Many people find great comfort and refuge in those words; I know I do.

We should not be surprised, however, that in the verses immediately preceding this one, we are given the Great Commission to “go and make disciples” and to teach people to “obey everything I have commanded you.” And there it is...the words that usually make modern Christians very uncomfortable. Jesus tells us to do something. And he is very specific. We are to go and make disciples of Christ and teach obedience (we surely must already be disciples and obedient ourselves to make it happen). On the surface, it appears that each one of us is to set out to do this work. Alone. Just we and God via the Holy Spirit.

I submit that this would be enough, but Jesus sent the disciples out first two by two. Not alone. With another person. At the moment in Matthew 29 where Jesus sends the disciples out (thereby making them now apostles...ones who were “sent”) he sent them as a group. Indeed, in Acts we see they were acting together in groups at first. Interestingly, as they were faithful to do what Jesus commissioned them to do, it was God himself that added to their numbers. They did not add to their numbers, all they did was share the message. It was God who did the work in people’s hearts and “added to their number 3,000” and then “added to their number 5,000.”

This month we are going to be focusing on Go Do Love Together (GDLT) and we are going to use the models in Matthew to guide our efforts. We are commissioned by Jesus...ALL OF US...to go and make disciples and to teach (and model) obedience. We will do it together, just as the early disciples did. May God add to our numbers based on our faithfulness and obedience to his commands.

Take respite during these dog days of summer, because God has a mighty work to do in our midst and in our community. We will be gears in God’s machine to renew Christianity in our area, and we need to be ready!

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Myron

GDLT



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MINISTRY MINUTE

Grace Wesleyan in Action – Being the Hands, Feet, and HEART of CHRIST to those in need!!

Updates from our various ministries.....Doing LOVE TOGETHER!!

As you can see in the pictures below, several of our ministries have been very busy over the last couple of months showing Christ’s love to those in need in Broward County.

Helping Hands Food Drives in Plantation
July 23, 2022

Habitat for Humanity of Broward
June 18, 2022 Build date!



Our Youth at HOPE South Florida: serving and filling backpacks for families and children in need.



Doug Timmerman, delivering diapers collected through donations to GEMS for HOPE South Florida families in need.



GDLT



Come and experience the joy of helping others by being the heart, hands, and feet of Christ to those in need!

Service Opportunities

outreach@gracewesleyan.org

What does Scripture tell us

Memory Verse

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”
(1Peter 4:10, NRSV)

Reminder:

When you are purchasing things via Amazon to help some of our worthy ministries, don't forget to **SMILE!** Amazon smile that is... (use the link below)

https://smile.amazon.com/charity/my-impact?encoding=UTF8&ref=nav_cs_smile



Emmaus

Have you attended a Walk to Emmaus? If you have attended a walk in the past, we want to know. We are seeking to build an Emmaus Community at Grace Wesleyan. Please contact...

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Be sure to wear your Emmaus Cross on the 1st weekend of each month

GEMS!

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What's going on in your corner?

Studies Available

Men's Accountability group
Monday nights
7:00pm

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday nights,
7:00pm-8:00pm
(in person or via Zoom)

Prayer Meeting

last Tuesday each month in place of
Bible Study

Wesley Study

1st and 3rd Thursday
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Meetings

Executive Council
2nd Thursday of every month
August 11th

Children and Youth Minister
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Teen Topics

School starts soon. Please keep our children and teachers in your prayers. They will join with the Davie Community Church for a fun activity, WATER GAMES on August 19th!!!



Our Youth will have the opportunity to help GEMS!
With backpacks on August 7th
And
Helping Hands Food Drive on
August 20th in Plantation